



Binational Commission Meeting • Washington DC • October 26, 2005

The U.S.-Mexico Binational Commission (BNC) is an annual cabinet-level meeting designed to emphasize the close relationship that exists between the two countries and to resolve outstanding bilateral issues. This year's theme will be "Improving Border Security." The 2005 BNC is comprised of 15 workgroups each co-chaired by a U.S. and Mexican cabinet level official.

This BNC provides an opportunity to highlight the positive results of binational environmental cooperation and to promote new or expanded environmental activities in the interest of both countries. EPA's Administrator Steve Johnson and SEMARNAT's Secretary Jose Luis Luege will discuss mutual issues of concern in the areas of water, air, land, and other.

The U.S.-Mexico Binational Commission program includes two events:

- The U.S.-Mexico Binational Commission **Environment Workgroup Meeting**, and
- A **Luncheon**, hosted by Secretary Rice.

U.S.-Mexico Binational Commission Environment Working Group Meeting

Date: October 26, 2005
Time: 11:00 – 12:30am
Location: EPA HQ, Washington, DC
Press: Closed to press

OBJECTIVE:

As with the other 14 BNC Workgroups, the Environment Working Group Meeting will offer an opportunity to highlight EPA's and SEMARNAT's commitment to improving the quality of life for both U.S. and Mexican residents. Invigorated by significant progress on many fronts, a renewed EPA-SEMARNAT partnership can help to emphasize the importance of U.S.-Mexico relations. Since the signing of the La Paz Agreement in 1983, a 20-year period of cooperation has established a positive working example of the role EPA and SEMARNAT can play in addressing environmental problems in both countries.
